

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently Amended) A drug delivery composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a HPMC capsule capable of containing the drug, wherein the HPMC capsule is provided with a single aqueous coating such that the drug is not released from the capsule in the stomach.

2. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1, wherein the HPMC capsule is provided with a coating such that the drug is predominately released from the capsule in the small intestine.
3. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1, wherein the HPMC capsule is provided with a coating such that the drug is predominately released from the capsule in the colon and/or terminal ileum.
4. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprised a material which dissolves at a pH of 5.5 or above.
5. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating comprises a material which dissolves at a pH 7 or above.
6. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprises cellulose acetate trimellitate (CAT).
7. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprises hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose phthalate (HPMCP).
8. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprises polyvinyl acetate phthalate (PVAP).
9. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprises shellac.

10. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating comprises a copolymer of methacrylic acid and methylmethacrylate.
11. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises a material which is redox-sensitive.
12. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises an azopolymer or a disulphide polymer.
13. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises a material which is degraded by enzymes or bacteria present in the colon.
14. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises a copolymer of methacrylic acid and methylmethacrylate to which has been added during polymerisation the monomer methyl acrylate.
15. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises a cellulose ester.
16. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating composition comprises polyvinyl acetate phthalate.
17. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the coating is applied in the range of 5-15mg per cm² of capsule surface.
18. (Original) A drug delivery composition according to claim 3 wherein the coating is applied in the range 5-20mg per cm² of capsule surface.
19. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 2 wherein the drug is one which is effective in the small intestine.

20. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein the drug is one which acts locally in the colon.
21. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein the coating is applied separately to empty HPMC capsule body and cap.
22. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 21 wherein the HPMC capsule body is coated with an insoluble polymer and the cap is enteric or colonic coated.
23. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 22 wherein the water insoluble polymer is ethyl cellulose.
24. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein two equal HPMC capsule halves are filled with a caplet.
25. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 24 wherein the coating is applied separately to equal empty HPMC capsule halves.
26. (Cancelled)
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28. (Cancel) ~~A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein the stomach resistant coating is applied to HPMC capsules having a first coating of a water soluble polyvinyl alcohol.~~
29. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein the HPMC capsule is coated with a film which is non-dissolving at pH < 3 to 4 and dissolving at pH>5.5.
30. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein the HPMC content of the capsule shell is in the range of from 10 to 90% by weight.

31. (Previously Amended) A drug delivery composition according to claim 1 wherein stomach resistant coating is applied to HPMC capsules having a sealing on the gap between capsule body and cap.
32. A drug delivery composition according to claim 24 wherein one half is enteric coated and the other half is colonic coated.
33. A drug delivery composition according to claim 24 wherein one half is coated with an insoluble polymer and the other half is enteric or colonic coated.